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**NOTIFICATION OF
IDENTIFICATION OF PRIOR
ART IN LATE PROTEST
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.291(a)**

The protest filed March 3, 2004 under 37 C.F.R. §1.291(a) was filed after the May 9, 2002, publication date of the application.

Because the protest was filed after publication of the application it is untimely and it is not being entered in the application file. The original protest is enclosed with this letter and the duplicate copy submitted by the protestor is being destroyed . (MPEP § 1901.06)

If appropriate, Applicant may wish to consider submitting prior art from the protest pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and 37 C.F.R. §1.56 during the prosecution of the application.

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